

From the Address in Medicine at the Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the State Society, 1904. By R. F. Rooney, M.D., Auburn:

... I will give you none of these, but will go back and pluck the sword of preventive medicine from the dead hand of the Israelite, Moses, the great lawgiver and physician of ancient days. ...

... How ennobling is the thought that the physician alone, among all professional men, labors night and day to lessen his own gains. At the expense of his own often too meagerly filled pocket, he is constantly reminding and teaching the layman how to prevent the ailments of himself and his little ones. The physician is the first to fly to the rescue when an epidemic threatens. He stirs and awakens the apathetic public, and forces it to spend its hoarded dollars for prevention instead of cure.

Since the days of Hippocrates, despite the crudities of medicine then taught, practiced and believed in, the higher duties owed to his profession have been recognized by the medical man. Bacon has said: "I hold every man a debtor to his profession; from the which as men of course do seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves, by way of amends, to be a help and ornament thereto." Some few, from greed of worldly gain, may not live up to this standard, but I believe the number to be exceedingly small. The physician, above all other professional men, lives up to the highest ideals, and I believe the country practitioner leads in unselfish effort. ...

From an article on "Killian's Radical Operation for Chronic Frontal Sinusitis, with Demonstration of Case." By A. Barkan, M.D., San Francisco.

... During my recent visit in Germany I spent some weeks in Freiburg at Professor Killian's Clinic, where I witnessed Killian's direct method of bronchoscopy carried out by introduction of long tubes through the natural breathing channels into bronchi of the second and third order. The instruments which I brought for the use of the Cooper Medical College are open to inspection and may be utilized by anyone of this society.

Before proceeding with the history of this case, permit me to give a short résumé of Professor Killian's method of radical operation for chronic frontal sinusitis. ...

From the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of California, Hotel El Paso De Robles, Paso Robles, April 19, 20, 21, 1904:

... Dr. H. S. Orme, Los Angeles, chairman, reported for the Committee on Medical Education and Legislation. ...

... Doctor Thorne, in closing the discussion, said that the keynote was struck by Doctor Tait when he said the stream could not be purged at its mouth, but only at its source, and our law permits us to go to the source and consider the education of the candidate, and his qualifications. ...

... Dr. Wallace I. Terry's subject was "Cases of Acute Suppurative Appendicitis, Treated by the Ochsner Plan."

Patients should be operated on between attacks, or after an acute attack with rupture has quieted down, and pus is walled off. Absolute rest of abdomen should be secured, and no liquid be given by the mouth. A small sip of water may develop dangerous peristalsis. ...

From reports of county medical societies:

San Francisco County.—Doctor Cooper, discussing paper read by Doctor Gregory: "I have been asked by two different clinics to look around for a static machine, and I have not found one which I would recommend them to use instead of the Queen coil.

With regard to the photographs, I have been fortunate in them. I have one which shows a stone in the kidney. These were not taken instantaneously, but with 32-plate static machine. I find it does not matter much what machine is used; it depends upon the technique and the tube you get. If you get a good tube, that tube should be kept for the kind of work it is being used for. ...

Obituary.—Dr. Charlotte Blake Brown, the pioneer woman physician of California, died in San Francisco on April 19, at the age of 57. ...

... She leaves a husband, Henry Adams Brown; three children, Dr. Adelaide Brown and Dr. Philip King Brown of this city, and Mrs. Harriet Darling of Brookline, Massachusetts.

From an article on "Some Recent Advances and Investigations in Rhinology and Otology." By Louis C. Deane, M.D., San Francisco:

... To Dr. Otto Freer of Chicago, who, with his twenty-four personally devised instruments, dissects membranous flaps and resects large pieces of cartilage to correct septal deviations, we must pay our respects for his mature and possibly advanced technique. We may refrain from practicing his methods, fearing our own ability to work from one to two hours upon a deflected septum; not to speak of the courage and fortitude required by the patient. Still, the question as to the best method to employ for the correction of a deflected septum is a much discussed one. I have read with care the elaboration of a number of these methods. I have tried several, but have invariably fallen back upon the rough and ready Asch operation as applicable to the greatest number of cases. ...

... Hay fever is of such rare occurrence on the Pacific Coast that it is unlikely that any of us will have much opportunity to use Professor Dunbar's antitoxin. It is in line with the rapid strides which are being made in serum therapy, and when such authorities as Sir Felix Semon, Emile Mayer, and McBride report favorably upon its action it is to be hoped that, in the coming year, we may be able to speak of it as a reliable remedy, a relief for the distressing symptoms accompanying hay fever. ...

... To bar from serious consideration the treatment of chronic nonsuppurative middle ear diseases by hot air, injected into the external auditory canal, would be to overlook one more method for the application of heat to the inflamed surfaces. Aside from the marvelous effect of dionin (ethylmorphin hydrochlorate) upon the lymphagogues of the eye, heat is the best lymphagogue we have, and one cannot but appreciate the logic of such an application. ...

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

By W. M. DICKIE, Director

County Health Officers of California.—Following are the names and addresses of all county health officers of California as of record, March 15, 1929:

- Alameda—Dr. John A. Azavedo, Hayward.
- Alpine—Dr. F. H. Harrison, Markleeville.
- Amador—Dr. G. L. Lynch, Amador City.
- Butte—Dr. W. S. Lang, Gridley.
- *Calaveras—Dr. George B. Cooper, Angels Camp.
- *Colusa—Dr. G. W. Desrosier, Colusa.
- Contra Costa—Dr. I. O. Church, Martinez.
- Del Norte—Dr. Francis M. Stump, Crescent City.
- *El Dorado—Dr. A. A. McKinnon, Placerville.
- *Fresno—Dr. G. L. Long, Fresno.
- *Glenn—Dr. Etta S. Lund, Willows.
- *Humboldt—Dr. Lawrence A. Wing, Eureka.

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- *Imperial—Dr. C. S. Brooks, El Centro.
- Inyo—Dr. Harvey W. Crook, Bib Pine.
- *Kern—Dr. Joe Smith, Bakersfield.
- *Kings—Dr. A. S. Torrens, Hanford.
- Lake—Dr. Henry P. Weiper, Upper Lake.
- *Lassen—Dr. Dan Coll, Susanville.
- *Los Angeles—Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, Los Angeles.
- Madera—Dr. H. B. Neagle, Madera.
- *Marin—Dr. J. H. Kuser, San Rafael.
- Mariposa—Dr. A. M. Gregory, Mariposa.
- *Mendocino—Dr. S. L. Rea, Ukiah.
- *Merced—Dr. William C. Cotton, Atwater.
- Modoc—Dr. A. Gibson, Alturas.
- Mono—None.
- *Monterey—Dr. Wiley A. Reeves, Salinas.
- *Napa—Dr. Lawrence Welti, Napa.
- *Nevada—Dr. Carl P. Jones, Grass Valley.
- *Orange—Dr. K. H. Sutherland, Santa Ana.
- Placer—Dr. Theodore Snypp, Auburn.
- *Plumas—Dr. B. J. Laswell, Quincy.
- *Riverside—Dr. W. B. Wells, Riverside.
- *Sacramento—Dr. J. T. Christian, Galt.
- *San Benito—Dr. L. C. Hull, Hollister.
- *San Bernardino—Dr. S. B. Richards, San Bernardino.
- *San Diego—Dr. A. M. Lesem, San Diego.
- *San Francisco—Dr. W. C. Hassler, San Francisco.
- *San Joaquin—Dr. J. J. Sippy, Stockton.
- *San Luis Obispo—Dr. A. F. Gillihan, San Luis Obispo.
- *San Mateo—Dr. F. Holmes Smith, San Bruno.
- Santa Barbara—Dr. R. C. Main, Santa Barbara.
- *Santa Cruz—Dr. S. H. Randall, Santa Cruz.
- *Santa Clara—Dr. C. M. Burchfiel, San Jose.
- *Shasta—Dr. B. F. Saylor, Redding.
- Sierra—Dr. C. A. Eckhardt, Downieville.
- *Siskiyou—Dr. Charles Pius, Yreka.
- Solano—Dr. W. C. Jenney, Vacaville.
- *Sonoma—Dr. S. S. Bogle, Santa Rosa.
- *Stanislaus—Dr. F. R. DeLappe, Modesto.
- Sutter—Dr. S. A. Coyette, Yuba City.
- *Tehama—Dr. E. E. Thompson, Red Bluff.
- *Trinity—Dr. W. B. Fields, Weaverville.
- *Tulare—Dr. A. W. Preston, Visalia.
- *Tuolumne—Dr. William L. Hood, Sonora.
- Ventura—Dr. J. A. King, Ojai.
- *Yolo—Dr. Fred R. Fairchild, Woodland.
- Yuba—Dr. J. H. Barr, Marysville.

Communicable Disease Reports for March, 1929:

Chickenpox	2676
Diphtheria	223
Encephalitis (epidemic)	8
Measles	236
Meningitis (epidemic)	91
Poliomyelitis	13
Scarlet fever	2126
Smallpox	310
Typhoid fever	49
Whooping-cough	966

Epidemic meningitis is still high and epidemic poliomyelitis will bear watching. The reduced prevalence of diphtheria (half that of similar period in 1928) indicates value in continuing immunization. Chickenpox, mumps, and scarlet fever continue at high levels.

Many Chico Children Are Vaccinated.—In February the Chico Health Center carried on an active campaign to secure the vaccination against smallpox of Chico children. The presence of an unusually large number of cases of smallpox in the community made the campaign a matter of necessity. A total of 1140 children were vaccinated, of which number about 1000 were children in attendance upon the public schools.—*Weekly Bulletin*, March 16.

Trinity County Health Officer Reaps Results in Christmas Gift Vaccinations.—Dr. David B. Fields lives at Weaverville, Trinity County, where he has

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been county health officer for many years. In 1925 the doctor vaccinated all children in Weaverville and vicinity without charge, making the service a Christmas present to the children of the community. Smallpox has appeared recently in Weaverville, but not one of the recipients of the doctor's Christmas present in 1925 contracted smallpox, although many were exposed to the disease. Doctor Fields is now vaccinating school children, and children of preschool age, including babies, free of cost. Thus the spirit of Christmas persists in Trinity County. What gift to a child could be more worth while or of greater lasting value than this provision of protection against a disastrous disease? Doctor Fields vaccinated 463 persons during the recent outbreak of smallpox in Weaverville.—*Weekly Bulletin*, March 23.

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By C. B. PINKHAM, M. D.
Secretary of the Board

News Items, Doctors of Medicine, May 1929

Dr. Charles B. Pinkham, secretary of the California Board of Medical Examiners, has been named president-elect of the Federation of Medical Examining Boards, a national society, it was announced today.—Sacramento press dispatch printed in the *Alameda Times-Star*, March 11, 1929.

The judgment of the Superior Court restoring his license to Clayton Wheeler, San Francisco gland specialist, after the State Board of Medical Examiners revoked it, was upheld by the State District Court of Appeal yesterday, when it dismissed an appeal from the lower court's action filed by the medical board (*San Francisco Chronicle*, April 16, 1929). (Previous entry, December 1928.)

General News Items

Dr. Arthur O. Berg, chiropractor, today awaits his second trial on a murder charge in the county jail, following his sudden change of mind yesterday, when he withdrew his plea of guilty to the lesser charge of manslaughter before Superior Judge Hartley Shaw. Berg recently returned here from San Quentin for a new trial after the Appellate Court reversed the conviction, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and asked for probation. Yesterday, however, he declared he wished to dismiss Attorney John Jorgeson, who won the appeal, substitute Attorney Bert L. Irving and stand trial. Berg was convicted of second degree murder in connection with the death through an asserted illegal operation of Miss Page Walden, University co-ed. He spent eight months in San Quentin (*Hollywood News*, March 29, 1929). (Previous entries July and September, 1928.)

The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners has no authority to investigate chiropractic colleges, under an Appellate Court decision on file today. The court upheld the San Francisco Superior Court, which gave Dr. Percy Purviance, Berkeley, an injunction to prevent the state board from demanding his books and looking into his course of study. Dental and medical boards have such powers.—*San Francisco Call*, March 28, 1929.

Pleading guilty to practicing medicine without a license, Anna Bouk appeared before Judge Georgia Bullock and was given a sixty-day sentence, suspended for two years. Miss Bouk, who has maintained offices in the San Fernando Building, claimed